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## **PROJECT FACTSHEET**

### **Upper Delaware River Watershed, New York Floodplain Reconnection**

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**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:** Reps. Hall (NY-19), Murphy (NY-20), Hinchey (NY-22)

**APPROPRIATION / PHASE:**  
General Investigations / Feasibility

**BUSINESS PROGRAM:**  
Watershed Planning

**AUTHORITY:** U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Resolution No. 2495, Upper Delaware River Watershed, NY adopted May 9, 1996.

**LOCATION:** The study area is located in southeastern New York about 45 miles southwest of Albany, N.Y. It encompasses the Delaware River, its tributaries and four major sub-basins.

**DESCRIPTION:** Initial impetus for the study was the January 1996 storm event which caused over \$15 million in damages in Delaware County alone. Consecutive major floods in September 2004, April 2005 and June 2006, again caused devastation along the main stem Delaware River and its tributaries, repeatedly damaging property and disrupting tens of thousands of lives.

**STATUS:** An expedited 905(b) reconnaissance study addendum was approved. Negotiations are underway with The Nature Conservancy to execute a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement for the Upper Delaware River Floodplain Reconnection study. The study would investigate flood damage reduction in the Upper Delaware River Basin by means of ecosystem restoration, i.e. reconnecting rivers and streams to their floodplains.

#### **FINANCIAL**

##### **DATA (\$000)**

	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Feasibility (Upper Delaware River Floodplain Reconnection)	1,000	1,000	2,000

#### **BUDGET**

##### **DATA (\$000) Comments**

FY 08	100	
FY 09	0	

**SPONSOR:** The Nature Conservancy is the sponsor for the Floodplain Reconnection study.

**COMMENTS:** The feasibility study requires execution of a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement.

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